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Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR

No. 2021 - 0396

TO: ALL UNDERSECRETARIES; ASSISTANT SECRETARIES; DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS, CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES; EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF SPECIALTY HOSPITALS, AND NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL; CHIEFS OF MEDICAL CENTERS, HOSPITALS, SANITARIA AND INSTITUTES; PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION; DIRECTORS OF PHILIPPINE NATIONAL AIDS COUNCIL AND TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTERS; AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT: REITERATION OF DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. 2021 – 0323 ON PRICE CAP FOR COVID-19 RAPID ANTIGEN TESTING

This refers to the **Department Circular (DC) No. 2021-0323** dated August 6, 2021 entitled **“Price Cap for COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Testing”**. Pursuant to the foregoing, the following price cap was issued for Rapid Antigen Testing, respectively.

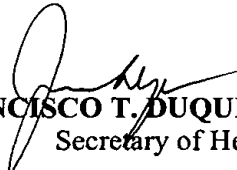
In this light, may we reiterate that all COVID-19 testing facilities/laboratories are to strictly comply with the set price.

Cost Components	Price (in Php)
Testing Kit (Distributor Cost) Government Procurement Price (Php 452.00) + 10% Distribution Cost (Php 45.20)	500.00
Operational Cost (Laboratory Supply and Overheads)	300.00
20% Allowable Mark-up	160.00
FINAL COST (PRICE CAP FOR RAPID ANTIGEN TESTING)	960.00^{1,2}

¹ Laboratories and health facilities may have prices lower than the prescribed price cap for rapid antigen testing provided that quality of services are maintained. However, no manufacturer, distributor, or testing facility should exceed the price cap.

² Senior Citizen and Persons with Disability discounts are applicable.

Dissemination to all concerned stakeholders is requested.


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